



Match Official Requirements

<u>FOOTBALL</u>	<u>HOCKEY</u>
<p>Men's Premier League <i>One referee & Two Assistant Referees Qualified & Neutral Referee Qualified Assistant Referees</i></p>	<p>Men's Premier League & Tier 1 <i>Two umpires Both must be neutral and qualified to a minimum of England Hockey Level 1 (or equivalent) in Scotland and Wales.</i></p>
<p>Women's Premier League <i>One Referee Qualified & Neutral Referee: Nominated substitutes may not act as Assistant Referees</i></p>	<p>Tiers 2,3, & 4 <i>Two Umpires One of which must be qualified to England Hockey (or equivalent) Level 1, the other must have successfully completed the theory aspect of the Level One Award</i></p>
<p>Tier 1 Men's & Women's <i>One Referee Qualified & Neutral Referee: Nominated substitutes may not act as Assistant Referees</i></p>	<p>All Other Tiers <i>Two Umpires Both must hold a foundation/preliminary Umpires Award</i></p>
<p>Tier 2 & Below Men's & Women's <i>One Referee Qualified</i></p>	

<u>NETBALL</u>	<u>BASKETBALL</u>
<p>Premier League <i>Two Umpires Qualified to a minimum of the C Award for at least 12 months and neutral (Obtaining B Award or above Umpires is recommended where possible)</i></p>	<p>Premier League <i>One Referee, One Umpire and Two table Officials Referee and Umpire must be qualified, licensed and neutral. Table Officials qualified and licensed</i></p>
<p>Tier 1 League <i>Two Umpires Qualified to a minimum of C Award, 1 must be neutral (though where possible sourcing two neutral is preferred).</i></p>	<p>Tier 1 <i>One Referee, One Umpire and Two table Officials Referee and Umpire must be qualified, licensed and neutral. Table Officials qualified and licensed</i></p>
<p>Tier 2 & Below <i>Two Umpires Qualified</i></p>	<p>Tier 2 & Below <i>One Referee, One Umpire and Two Table Officials All must be Qualified and Licensed</i></p>

Officials

It is the responsibility of the committee to organise the officials for the game. Officials must meet the BUCS regulations and be arranged well in advance.

A form for payment for the officials must be completed 5 days in advance and monies can be collected Wednesday morning from the Students' Union offices.

It is important that you confirm your officials at least 48 hours before your match is due to start.

BUCS rules state that:

- **All HOME teams are responsible for providing match officials.**
- All Tier 1 games should have NEUTRAL and QUALIFIED officials. (There have been cases where institutions have used internationally qualified officials in 1st games, only to lose the match in appeal from failing to inform the opposition that they were not neutral).
- For other matches Tier 2 and below officials should be QUALIFIED in line with current appropriate NGB regulations (there is no requirement of neutrality).
- Neutral shall be taken to mean NOT being a current student, or a full or part time member of staff, a member of the Club or Athletic Union of the Institution concerned, or being closely related to any member of the team. **Under no circumstances can an institution appeal against the decision of a qualified official.**

However, there are going to be times when your official will pull out at the last minute or simply not show up. If possible try and use an official located at your own institution, although they will not be neutral it is better than no official. If the opposition objects to this they should sign a PLAYING UNDER PROTEST FORM giving them the right to appeal after the game. The home team should also sign this.